

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) A vehicle armrest hinged structure comprising:
a support;
a hinge on said support and having at least one hinge arm swingable about a hinge axis on said support;
an armrest [[body]] connected by said hinge with said support and swingable about said axis through a predetermined maximum angular range; and
a disengaging element on said armrest, [[body]] normally engaged with said arm and enabling joint rotation of said hinge arm and said armrest [[body]], but disengaging said arm upon application of a force to said armrest [[body]] exceeding a limiting force upon swinging of said armrest [[body]] relative to said support said armrest being detachable from said hinge when said limiting force is exceeded.

1 2. (Currently amended) The hinge structure defined in
2 claim 1 wherein said disengaging element is a member slidably
3 longitudinally in a guide formed in said armrest [[body]] and
4 engaging a free end of said arm, said armrest [[body]] disengaging
5 from said arm with a rotational movement.

1 3. (Currently amended) The hinge structure defined in
2 claim 2, further comprising a stop in said armrest [[body]]
3 limiting the displacement of said disengaging element.

1 4. (Original) The hinge structure defined in claim 3,
2 further comprising a compression spring bearing on said disengaging
3 element.

1 5. (Original) The hinge structure defined in claim 4
2 wherein said disengaging element is composed of an elastic
3 material.

1 6. (Original) The hinge structure defined in claim 5
2 wherein said elastic material is an elastic synthetic resin.

1 7. (Currently amended) The hinge structure defined in
2 claim 5, further comprising a bevel on one of said elements and
3 said arm for camming said arm out of engagement with said element
4 upon displacement of said armrest [[body]] with said force
5 exceeding limiting force.

1 8. (Original) The hinge structure defined in claim 7
2 wherein said disengaging element engages in a notch in a free end
3 of said arm.

1 9. (Currently amended) The hinge structure defined in
2 claim 8 wherein said armrest [[body]] has a base provided with an
3 opening in which said arm is received, said arm being positioned
4 between upper and lower walls of said base.

1 10. (Currently amended) The hinge structure defined in
2 claim 9 wherein said arm is provided with a notch opposite a free
3 end of said arm and said armrest [[body]] is a projection engaging
4 in said notch.

1 11. (Original) The hinge structure defined in claim 10
2 wherein said projection is rounded.